

February 14, 1997

Mr. Robert J. Barrett
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-286/96-80 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On December 13, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection of your implementation of 10 CFR 50.65, the maintenance rule, at the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant. The team used NUMARC 93-01, Revision 0, dated May 1993, which has been endorsed in Regulatory Guide 1.160, Revision 1, dated January 1995. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Your program generally met the requirements of the maintenance rule. We note that your recent self-assessment effort should significantly enhance your maintenance rule program, however, successful completion of your corrective actions associated with the self-assessment effort is crucial to effectively meeting all aspects of the maintenance rule.

We identified two violations during this inspection. One violation involved the failure to establish adequate performance criteria and goals commensurate with safety for a number of systems. The second violation involved the failure to include two structures in the scope of the maintenance rule. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By
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Director, DRS

James T. Wiggins, Director
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Docket No. 50-286

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2. Inspection Report No. 50-286/96-80

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